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1. PHILIPPINES

IN 3/1 SPEECH TO GRADUATES IN MANILA, MARCOS ANNOUNCED
HE WILL RELINQUISH HIS LEGISLATIVE POWERS UNDER MARTIAL
LAW TO INTERIM NATL ASSEMBLY AFTER 4/6 ELECTIONS. SAID
ASSEMBLY WOULD BECOME SOLE LAWMAKING AUTHORITY DURING
TRANSITION TO PARLIAMENTARY FORM OF GOVT. NOTING THAT IN
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SOME COUNTRIES W/PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEMS GOVT, SOME LEADERS
HAVE NEGLECTED TRAIN YOUTH FOR LEADERSHIP, MARCOS SAID HE
INTENDS BEGIN TRAINING NEW LEADERS, DRAWN FROM VARIOUS
SECTORS OF SOCIETY. MARCOS SAID HE WOULD NOW ISSUE DECREES/
GENERAL ORDERS/LTRS OF INSTRUCTION ONLY IN CASES OF IMPASS,
OR WHEN ASSEMBLY FAILS ACT IN EMERGENCY (REUTER MANILA
3/2).

ORIENTAL PETROLEUM AND MINERALS CORP, WHICH DISCOVERED PHILS'
FIRST POTENTIALLY COMMERCIAL OIL FIELD, HASN'T ESTIMATED

ITS RESERVES YET, BUT IS DISCUSSING 30-MIL-DOL PRODUCTION PROGRAM, ACCORDING WSJ (MANILA). DEVELOP PLAN TO INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION 2 PLATFORMS IN W NIDO/S NIDO AREAS WHERE OIL FOUND.

2. INDONESIA

JAKARTA'S POLICE CHIEF HAS ORDERED CITY'S RESIDENTS SURRENDER FIREARMS BY 3/9, TWO DAYS BEFORE NATL CONGRESS MEETS TO RE-ELECT PRES SUHARTO. THOSE FAILING WILL FACE 4-YR PRISON TERMS (AP JAKARTA, PHINQ).

3. CHINA

ON 3/2, DELS NPC DISCUSSED DRAFT OF NEW STATE CONSTITUTION BUT NO PRECISE DETAILS RELEASED. CONGRESS WILL NEXT TURN ATTENTION TO ELECTION STATE OFFICERS/NEW WORDS FOR NATL ANTHEM. ALSO ATTENDING NPC AS PARTICIPANTS/OBSERVERS ARE DELS TO CPPCC. TOTAL OF 16 RELIGIOUS LEADERS LISTED AS ATTENDING CPPCC, BUT ACCORDING OBSERVERS, THIS NO INDICATION OF RELIGIOUS REVIVAL IN PRC (MACKENZIE, REUTER PEKING 3/2 NYT).

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CHINA ANNOUNCED 3/3 WILL MAKE FULLER USE OF UNIVERSITIES BY ADMITTING DAY STUDENTS/WILL GIVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO BRIGHT STUDENTS THWARTED BY CR. LATTER DECISION APPLIES TO THOSE WHO GRADUATED IN '66/'67, WERE GOOD AT STUDIES BUT FAILED UNVIERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMS LAST YR (PRITCHETT, REUTER, PEKING).

NYT (HK) SPEC REPORTS PRC OFFERING UNUSUAL EVIDENCE OF WHAT HAPPENS TO OFFICIALS ONCE PURGED. IN WHAT DESCRIBED AS INTERVIEW W/NCNA, PANCHEN LAMA SAID AFTER '64 DISMASSAL AS DEP CHRMN STANDING CMTE OF NPC, HE WAS ALLOWED KEEP MONTHLY SALARY OF 500 YUAN (250 DOLS) W/SAME AMOUNT AGAIN AS ALLOWANCE FOR PARENTS/RELATIVES. SAID CONTINUED DRAW INCOME BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN ALLOWED RETAIN POST AS STAND-ING CMTE MEMBER. THIS FACT NOT PUBLICLY KNOWN.

PANCHEN LAMA ALSO NOTED DURING '59 TIBETAN UPRISING, WHEN DALAI LAMA FLED INDIA, HE "GOT THE IDEA OF COMMITTING TREASON AND RUNNING AWAY." CHOU EN-LAI TRIED COUNSEL HIM ABOUT MISTAKES, BUT EVENTUALLY IN '64 WAS DISGRACED (REPRINTED IN SUN).

NCNA COMMENTARY ATTACKS MOSCOW'S UNILATERAL PUBLICATION DRAFT OF SOVIET-PROPOSED COOPERATION TREATY W/JAPAN. JAPAN NOT CONSULTED IN MAKING DRAFT PUBLIC, AND SUCH ACT OF "POWER POLITICS IS INDEED RARELY SEEN IN THE ANNAL OF INTL RELS" NCNA SAID. "ITS HURRIED PUBLICATION

REFLECTS SOVIET IMPETUOSITY IN CONTENDING FOR JAPAN
W/THE US," COMMENTARY SAID. NCNA ADDED THAT TREATY AIMED
AT LEGALIZING SOVIET OCCUPATION OF JAPAN'S NORTHERN
TERRITORIES/DESTROYING SECURITY TREATY W/US (REUTER

PEKING).
E KING).

HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORP, LARGEST BANKING ORG
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IN ASIA OUTSIDE JAPAN W/DEPOSITS OF 11.6 BIL DOLS/
ASSETS OF 16 BIL DOLS, REPORTED TO OPEN REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICE IN HOUSTON (JOC).

4. JAPAN

ACCORDING FINANCE MIN SOURCE, JAPAN WILL FURTHER CUT
TARIFFS 3/4 ON 124 ITEMS, ONE MONTH EARLIER THAN
SCHEDULED. REDUCTIONS TO BE APPROVED BY CABINET MTG
FRI. SOURCE SAID JAPANESE MOVE WAS TO "PROMOTE"
CURRENT ROUND OF WORLD TARIFF-CUTTING TALKS IN GENEVA
(WSJ TOKYO).

JAPAN'S STEEL INDUSTRY 3/2 WELCOMED US STEEL CORP'S
W/DRAWAL OF DUMPING CHARGES AGAINST SOME JAPANESE
PRODUCTS. YOSHIHIRO INAYAMA, CHRMN NIPPON STEEL CORP,
SAID THIS ACTION GOOD FOR FUTURE STEEL BUSINESS BETWN
TWO COUNTRIES/GAVE BOOST TO TRIGGER-PRICE SYSTEM
INTRODUCED BY CARTER ADMIN TO AVOID TRADE RIFT (REUTER
TOKYO 3/2).

TREASURY DEPT TENTATIVELY FOUND SORBATES IMPORTS FROM
JAPAN BEING DUMPED IN US. TREASURY WILL W/HOLD FURTHER
CUSTOMS APPRAISEMENT OF IMPORTS PENDING FINAL PRICING
DETERMINATION. IF DEPT CONFIRMS DUMPING FIND, INTL TRADE
COMMISSION WILL BE ASKED DECIDE WHETHER DUMPED GOODS
INJURING US MANUFACTURERS (JOC).

SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES REPORTS ITS SALES FOR BUSINESS
YR ENDING 3/31 WILL DROP TO FOUR-YR LOW. COMPANY'S SALES
EXPECTED TOTAL 4.1 BIL DOLS, LEAVING CURRENT ACCOUNT
PROFITS ALMOST UNCHANGED AT 36 MIL DOLS (UPI TOKYO, JOC).

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GOJ REPORTED TO SAY IT CANNONT PREVENT DOLPHINS' SLAUGHTER
FONMIN SPOKESMAN EXPRESSES REGRETS OVER SLAUGHTER OF
MORE THAN 1,000 DOLPHINS BY FISHERMEN, BUT SAYS IT HAD NO
POWER PREVENT SUCH INCIDENT FROM RECURRING (PHINQ).

MARTIN (SUN TOKYO) REPORTS 90 MEMBERS OF JAPANESE TRADE MISSION DEPARTED FOR US 3/2 TO EXAMINE US GOODS W/ HOPES OF BUYING SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS. JAPANESE GOVT-SPONSORED EXPEDITION IS RESPONSE TO PRESSURES BY US ON JAPAN TO IMPORT MORE US GOODS/REDUCE MASSIVE TRADE DEFICITS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. OFFICIALS OF BOTH COUNTRIES NOT INDICATE WHETHER US GIVEN JAPAN FIGURE FOR MINIMUM VALUE OF

PURCHASES IT WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE; BUT, ACCORDING ONE JAPANESE NEWSPAPER, GOJ'S GOAL IS FOR MISSION BUY 1 TO 1.5 BIL DOLS WORTH GOODS. COUNTERING CHARGES OF SKEPTICISM THAT MISSION WILL NOT REALLY ACCOMPLISH MUCH, AMB MANSFIELD URGED MORE "UPBEAT" ATTITUDE TOWARD IT. TOLD US NEWSMEN THAT JAPANESE UNQUESTIONABLY ALTERED FORMER UNFAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD IMPORTS, AND SAID: "I DO NOT LOOK UPON THIS...AS AN EXERCISE IN COSMETICS."

THOUSANDS POLICE, IN FULL 10 REAT, REPORTED TO GUARD TRAIN CARRYING FIRST SHIPMENT JET FUEL TO NARITA. TRAIN REACHED AIRPORT SAFELY, THO AT ONE POINT GROUP OF LEFT WING DEMONSTRATORS TRIED BREAK POLICE CORDON. PREVIOUS DAY, AIRPORT OFFICE DAMAGED IN FIRE BOMB RAID (REUTER JAPAN 3/2).

5. KOREA

TONGSUN PARK, TESTIFYING ON CAPITOL HILL FOR 3RD CONSECUTIVE DAY, DENIED CHARGES THAT HE WAS NOT TELLING TRUTH. TOLD REPORTERS, "I MAY SOUND EVASIVE BUT THAT'S NOT MY INTENTION" (REUTER 3/2; AP, WP; NYDN).
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CMTE QUESTIONING PARK SEEKING BROADEN ITS SCOPE/EXAMINE ROKG OFFICIALS ON ALLEGED SCHEME BUY INFLUENCE IN CONGRESS. JAWORSKI TOLD REPORTERS HE HAS CONFERRED W/ SECY VANCE ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY, BUT NO AGREEMENT REACHED. STORIES NOTE JAWORSKI HAS SAID IS ESSENTIAL GET TESTIMONY OF KOREAN OFFICIALS, INCL AMB KIM DONG JO; BUT, TO DATE, DOS HAS SUPPORTED ROKG'S REFUSAL PERMIT PANEL QUESTION OFFICIALS, CLAIMING THEY'RE ENTITLED DIPLO IMMUNITY (REUTER, DE SILVA; AP, SUN).

VANCE URGED CONGRESS THURS ACT ON SK MIL AID MEASURE NOW STALLED BECAUSE OF CONGRESSIONAL INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL. DURING SFRC TESTIMONY, SEC ALSO SAID IMPORTANT FOR US MOVE FORWARD ON SCHEDULE W/PLANS FOR TROOP W/ DRAWAL, PROMISING US WOULD STAND BEHIND OBLIGATIONS UNDER MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY W/SK AND WARNING WOULD BE DANGEROUS IF US ACTIONS MISLEAD NK (REUTER).

SK SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS DEATH PENALTY GIVEN 60-YR-OLD
KANG WOO KYOO FOR SPYING FOR NK (AP SEOUL, WP).

GROUP 17 BANKS SIGNS AGREEMENT SUPPLY POHANG IRON AND
STEEL CO WITH 100 MIL DOLS TO HELP FINANCE CO'S 4TH
PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT (WSJ SEOUL).

ACCORDING CHURCH SOURCES, 4 JAILED DISSIDENT LEADERS/
28 OTHER OPPONENTS PARK CHUNG HEE WHO WERE UNDER HOUSE
ARREST WERE FREED 3/1. AMONG THOSE RELEASED WAS PROF
LEE MOON YOUNG. PM CHOI KYU HAH TOLD NATL ASSEMBLY
THURS THAT ROKG WOULD TRY RELEASE THOSE STILL JAILED
UNDER PARK'S '75 EMERGENCY DECREE (AP SEOUL, NYT).

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COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

7. PHILIPPINES

NYT EDIT (3/2) OBSERVES THAT CONGRESS' TOUGHER ATTITUDE
TOWARD AIDING REPRESSIVE GOVTS MAY BE REASON MARCOS HAS
UNDERTAKEN SMALL STEPS TO RELAX MARTIAL LAW. SAYS MOST
SIGNIFICANT GOP STEP IS ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT MONTH'S
ELECTION, BUT FINDS DISCOURAGING SIGN THAT OPPOSITION
NOT FREE TO CONDUCT ACTIVE CAMPAIGN. SAYS IF MARCOS
BELIEVES HIS OWN CLAIMS THAT AUTHORITARIAN RULE HAS
BROUGHT ABOUT MUCH-NEEDED REFORMS/WIDE POPULAR SUPPORT,
HE SHOULD HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM LETTING AQUINO
CAMPAIGN.

8. VIETNAM

ACCORDING CSM'S RAM (NEW DELHI), SRV/INDIA ARE FINDING
THEY HAVE LOT TO SAY TO EACH OTHER/THEY AGREE ON MOST OF
IT. REPORTING ON VISIT VIET PREMIER PHAM VAN DONG TO
INDIA, RAM SAYS INDIA REGARDS VN AS MOST IMPORTANT
POWER IN SEASIA, AS CRUCIAL INFLUENCE ON SOVIET-CHINESE
RELS/WANTS SERVE AS BRIDGE BETWN SRV/ASEAN IN ORDER
IMPROVE ITS OWN ECON RELS W/ASEAN. SAYS ANALYSTS THINK
SRV WOULD PREFER TECH ASSISTANCE FROM INDIA TO THAT FROM
USSR/PRC. PREDICTS MASSIVE EXPANSION ECON/TECH COOP
BETWN 2 COUNTRIES; CITES AGREEMENTS REACHED DURING VISIT:
LARGE-SCALE LOANS FOR SALE INDIAN RR EQUIPMENT TO SRV;
MFN TREATMENT IN BILAT TRADE; COOP IN AGRIC RESEARCH/
SCIENCE/TECH, INCL NUKE RESEARCH/TRAINING NUKE SCIENTISTS;
CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

9. KOREA

MACNELLY CARTOON (PHINQ) SHOWS TONGSUN PARK ENTERING
DOOR HOUSE OF REPS WHILE CONGRESSMEN HIDING BEHIND

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PILLARS. PARK SAYS "HI, FELLAS; 'GOOD TIME TONGSUN'
IS BACK IN TOWN;"

IN NYT OP-ED ESSAY (3/2), SAFIRE EXAMINES "CURIOUS CON-
NECTION" BETWN "KOREAGATE" SCANDAL/"MARSTON AFFAIR";
SAYS RICE IS CONNECTION. NOTES CONGRESSMEN FROM
RICE-PRODUCING AREAS WERE KOREAN TARGETS/DARYL FLEMING,
SET UP IN BUSINESS W/250,000 CONTRACT FROM KELLOGG--
NATION'S LARGEST RICE PURCHASER--IS CONSIDERED BY USG
PROSECUTORS THEIR BEST SOURCE IN FLOOD-EILBERG-PASSMAN
PROBE.

SAFIRE REPORTS FLEMING BEING REPRESENTED BY JAMES
RIDDELL, WHO REPRESENTS BOTH KELLOGG/ANHEUSER-BUSCH,
2ND LARGEST RICE PURCHASER. CONCLUDES IF HOUSE ETHICS
CMTE LOSES ITS TERROR OF REP O'NEILL, OR IF PRES CARTER
CAN BE SHAMED INTO APPOINTING SPEC PROSECUTOR TO
FOLLOW "KOREAGATE"/FLOODGATE ("WHERE DOJ NOW FEARS TO
TREAD"), TRAIL OF RICE MAY LEAD TO MONEY TAKERS.

ADD NEWS - 6. GENERAL

JOC'S LORENZ (SINGAPORE) DISCUSSES SEMI-ANNUAL MEET
ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE IN
SINGAPORE. SAYS SPEAKERS STRONGLY CONDEMNED GROWING
PROTECTIONISM IN EAST-WEST RELS. QUOTED APCAC CHRMN
BURRIDGE THAT US HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY PROTECTIONIST.
RESOLUTIONS COMING OUT OF MEET, PRESENTED TO REGIONAL
MEET AMEMB ECON OFFICERS, ALSO IN SINGAPORE, INCL
DEFERMENT BY CONGRESS OF '76 TAX REFORM ACT/CONDEMNATION
RESTRICTION FREE TRADE, REDUCED INCOME AND EMPLOYMENT/
URGING USG RECOGNIZE ASEAN AS IMPORTANT EMERGING ECON
FORCE, ESTABLISH ASEAN-US BUSINESS COUNCIL. CHRISTOPHER
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